



## ISD Checklist

**Number:** 580-CK-009-01  
**Effective Date:** August 1, 2004  
**Expiration Date:** August 1, 2009

**Approved By:** (signature)  
**Name:** Joe Hennessy  
**Title:** Chief, ISD

**Asset Owner:** GSFC Engineering Process Group  
**Title:** Software Contents of the Mission-Level CDR

**Asset Type:** Checklist  
**PAL Number:** 2.3.2.4

### Software Contents of the Mission-Level Critical Design Review (CDR)

*Use this checklist to ensure that key elements of the software project's detailed design, development and management activities, and status are presented for review as part of the System (Mission-Level) CDR.*

- ☐ **Management overview**, highlighting changes since Code 300 Preliminary Design Review (PDR)
  - ☐ Software organization's Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) and Project relationship
  - ☐ Verification plan, incl. Mission-Level reviews, software milestone and peer reviews, and walkthroughs
  - ☐ Software-related Requests for Action (RFAs) and responses from the Code 300 PDR
  - ☐ Status of ICDs/IRDs and other external dependencies (documents, software, hardware, etc.)
  - ☐ Documentation plan, including each document's status and when it will be baselined
  - ☐ Product Assurance and Software Safety plans, activities, and status
  - ☐ Independent verification and validation (IV&V) plans and status
  - ☐ Infusion and reporting of Lessons Learned
- ☐ **Development overview**, highlighting changes since Code 300 PDR and current status
  - ☐ Requirements definition and management process, incl. documents used/produced, V&V, baselines
  - ☐ Design process, including standards used, documents produced, peer reviews conducted
  - ☐ Implementation process, incl. standards, review process, problem reporting, unit test and integration
  - ☐ Configuration Management (CM) processes, including discrepancy reporting and tracking (development and post-release)
- ☐ **Software overview**, highlighting changes since PDR
  - ☐ Overview of functional requirements and operations concepts
  - ☐ Major design changes since PDR, including changes to reuse
  - ☐ System architecture, external interfaces and end-to-end data flow
  - ☐ Software context diagram and overview of each software subsystem or major component
  - ☐ Failure detection and correction (FDC) requirements, approach, and detailed design
  - ☐ Software Requirements Verification Matrix (mapping requirements to subsystems/components)
  - ☐ Development environment (e.g., hardware diagram, operating system(s), compilers, debuggers, tools)
- ☐ **Detailed design –**  
**For each subsystem or major component,**
  - ☐ Functional and initialization requirements allocated to the subsystem/component, with safety-critical requirements highlighted
  - ☐ Requirements and design changes since PDR
  - ☐ Reused/heritage software from previous projects and modifications to that software
  - ☐ Subsystem/component context and design diagrams
  - ☐ Description of functionality and operational modes
  - ☐ Resource and utilization constraints (e.g., CPU, memory), including estimates of performance and how the software will adapt to changing margin constraints
  - ☐ Identification and formats of input and output data; data storage concepts and structures
  - ☐ Interrupts and/or exception handling, including event, FDC, and error messages
  - ☐ Current status and issues

**Software Contents of the Mission-Level Critical Design Review (CDR)**  
(Continued)

- ☐ **Testing, delivery, and installation**
  - ☐ Charter and roles of the software test team
  - ☐ Documentation – titles and status of test plans, procedures, and traceability matrices
  - ☐ Test levels (e.g., unit testing, integration testing, system testing) – description, who executes, preparation and execution activities, test environment, standards followed, verification methods, and status
  - ☐ Build plan and test timeline, including a list of components and requirements to be tested in each build
  - ☐ Test environments for each test level – diagram and description of tools, testbeds, facilities
  - ☐ Software requirement verification recording, monitoring, and current status
  - ☐ System and acceptance testing – operational scenarios to be tested, incl. stress tests, recovery testing, and (if applicable) IT Security testing
  - ☐ Acceptance process – reviews, approval, and signoff processes
  - ☐ Delivery of source code and tools, version identification and documentation, installation of databases
- ☐ **Software status** – Current software size estimate; current schedule, milestone, staffing and cost/effort status
- ☐ **Risks** – with consequences and risk mitigation strategies
- ☐ **Issues, TBDs, and action items**